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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA  
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AMEMBASSY KIGALI  
USUN NEW YORK 0639

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUJUMBURA 1167

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-3  
TAGS: PFOR, UN, BY  
SUBJECT: NEW BURUNDI PERMREP TO UN

REF: KINSHASA 10428

1. KINSHASA AND KIGALI DID NOT RECEIVE BUJUMBURA 1096 AND 1114 WHICH REPORTED STATE OF PLAY ON POSSIBLE BURUNDI GOVERNMENT INTENTION TO NAME GENERALLY ANTI-WESTERN, TUTSI HARDLINER, EX-FORMIN ARTEMON SIMBANANIYE TO UN REP JOB.
2. U.S. HAS DISCREETLY INTERVENED IN BOTH WASHINGTON AND BUJUMBURA TO POINT OUT THAT SIMBANANIYE'S NOMINATION COULD REVERSE TREND TO EASING OF TENSIONS BETWEEN BURUNDI AND WEST ON ISSUES OF MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY. ZAIRE AND RWANDA DISLIKE SIMBANANIYE STRONGLY FOR HIS PAST ATTITUDES TOWARD AND DEALINGS WITH BOTH COUNTRIES, AND IT IS LIKELY THAT RWANDA HAS MADE ITS VIEWS KNOWN IN BUJUMBURA. EVEN THOUGH USUN 6011 INDICATES MOBUTU'S RELUCTANCE TO TOUCH THIS SENSITIVE MATTER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ZAIRIAN EMBASSY HERE HAS DROPPED NEGATIVE HINTS ABOUT SIMBANANIYE.

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3. HOW MUCH ALL OF THIS HAS INFLUENCED BURUNDI GOVT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY, BECAUSE OUTSIDE PRESSURES HAVE COINCIDED WITH SHARP INTERNAL DIVISIONS ON APPOINTMENT OF SIMBANANIYE (AND OF FEW OTHER EX-MINISTERS OF MICOMBERO REGIME). ALTHOUGH DECREE NAMING THESE PEOPLE TO AMBASSADORIAL RANK HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON THEIR POSTS, AND NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN

SOUGHT FOR ANY  
OF THEM SO FAR. IF THE DEBATE CONTINUES, THE  
VIEWS OF FRIENDLY FOREIGN COUNTRIES ABOUT NAMING SIMBANANIYE  
TO NEW YORK MIGHT CARRY SOME WEIGHT. ISSUE MIGHT ALSO SURFACE  
VERY INFORMALLY AT ANY TRIPARTITE MEETING IN NEAR FUTURE (SUCH  
AS RUMORED DECEMBER 24 GATHERING AT KISANGANI).

4. WE WOULD THINK THAT CURRENT UN REP FROM BURUNDI (MIKANAGU)  
SHOULD BY NOW HAVE SOME FEELING OF WHETHER HIS REASSIGNMENT IS  
STILL PENDING, AND WHAT SIMBANANIYE'S PROSPECTS ARE. CLEARLY,  
HOWEVER, NO FURTHER U.S. INTERVENTION IS CALLED FOR.  
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